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Sir:

Enclosed herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application of:

Inventors: Binh T. Nguyen and Craig A. Paulsen

Title: TOURNAMENT GAMING METHOD AND SYSTEM

1. **Type of Application**

☒ This is an application for a:

- ☒ utility patent
☐ design patent

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.10

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2. Application Papers Enclosed

- 1 Title page
71 Pages of specification (excluding claims, abstract, drawings & sequence listing)
16 Pages of claims
1 Abstract page
35 Sheets of drawings (Figs. 1 to 33E)
☒ Formal
☐ Informal

3. Declaration or Oath

- ☒ Enclosed
☒ Executed by inventors
☐ Executed by legal representative of inventor(s) (37 C.F.R. §1.42 or §1.43)

☐ Not enclosed

4. Incorporation By Reference

If the present application is a continuation, continuation-in-part or divisional application as indicated in Paragraph 1 above, the prior application identified in Paragraph 1 above is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety in the present application.

5. Priority Under 35 U.S.C. §119

The present application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 from each application listed below, and a certified copy of each application: ☐ is enclosed, ☐ will be filed later, ☐ was filed in a prior application from which the present application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120.

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	FILED

6. Additional Papers Enclosed

- ☐ Computer-readable copy of sequence listing containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence
- ☐ Declaration of biological deposit
- ☐ Microfiche computer program
- ☐ Request not to publish and certification under 35 U.S.C. §122(b)(2)(B)(i)
- ☐ Information disclosure statement
- ☐ Assignment
- ☒ Return receipt postcard
- ☒ Other: Application Data Sheet

7. Small Entity Status

- ☐ Small entity status is claimed.

8. Fee Calculation

A. ☒ Utility Application

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C. ☐ Other Fees

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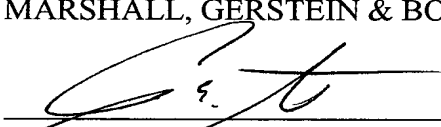
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